

## MAN-POWER BILL LIKELY TO PASS TODAY

Provision for Drafting Men  
Aged 18 to 45 Moves  
Quickly.

The new man-power bill will probably become law before tonight. This will permit the Provost Marshal General to set Saturday, September 7, as the date for the registration of the 13,000,000 men and boys of the ages of 18 to 45.

Senate and House conferees made rapid progress in squaring the differences in the measure as it passed the two bodies, and on adjournment last night there were but two provisions that had not been agreed upon.

The "work-or-fight" provision incorporated in the bill by the Senate but rejected by the House, was the big point of difference in the bill as it went to conference. It has been pointed out that this provision in the bill simply writes into the law what is already covered by regulations.

When this argument was presented by the House conferees the Senate conferees agreed to the motion to strike it out.

The two provisions which are pending are the Penrose amendment, which provides that a registrant need not claim exemption in his questionnaire and that the local board shall exempt from claims upon the facts and circumstances, and the Francis amendment, providing a suitable badge or insignia for men honorably exempted from the draft.

Provost Marshal General Crowder has so framed the questionnaire for the new registrants that they will have to make all sorts of claims for exemption in their answers to the questions, and has many thousands of them printed. On this account alone he is opposing the Penrose amendment, although Secretary Baker and other officials of the War Department have repeatedly stated that they were seeking a way to exempt men with dependents and men in essential industry without forcing them to claim exemption.

For some reason, however, the Provost Marshal General's office has insisted upon a claim for exemption, and is still insisting in spite of the statements of the Secretary of War, and the vote of the Senate. Provost Marshal General Crowder has been summoned to meet the conferees this morning.

Gen. Crowder will be ques-

tioned also about the Francis amendment, which will require the local boards to furnish identifying badges to men who have been honorably exempted.

The Senate conferees agreed to take the House provision which provides for the technical training of young soldiers in place of the Senate amendment which provided for their education after they have completed their service in the war. The House conferees accepted the Senate amendment for the government to furnish officers' uniforms and equipment at cost price. This provision was so changed as to permit the Secretary of War to prescribe standard officers' uniform and equipment to be sold to the officers by the Quartermaster Department.

By noon today the conferees will be ready to report to both the House and Senate and ask for prompt consideration of their report. It is believed that the two Houses will at once approve the action of the conferees.

## MARIE OBENAUER HEAD OF A LABOR DIVISION

To Conduct Women's Work for National War Board.

Miss Marie L. Obenauer, of the District, has been appointed head of the division of women examiners by the National War Labor Board.

This division has been created for the purpose of scrutinizing all matters pertaining to the rights and needs of women employed.

Impartial investigations will be made by the division where there are differences between employers and women employees.

Miss Obenauer was formerly with the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics and more recently head of the women's branch of the Industrial Commission of the War Department.

Another division was created simultaneously with the division of women examiners. Miss Elizabeth Christman, of Chicago, will head it. It has been designated the division of field representatives for women workers.

Miss Christman was formerly secretary and treasurer of the International Glove Workers' Union.

BERLIN ADMITS REVERSES.

"May Suffer More," Says Prussian War Minister Von Stein.

Geneva, via Paris, Aug. 28.—"We may suffer more reverses in the West," a Berlin dispatch quotes the Prussian war minister, Baron von Stein, as saying.

"Our defeats are serious in their effect upon the home front, because the war's end is not in sight."

"The people must show a desire to fight on to victory. Any other course is a crime to the Fatherland."

## BRIDGEPORT MACHINISTS CASE SETTLED

Umpire Awards Wage Increases to Munition Workers.

The National War Labor Board announced a final decision in the Bridgeport machinists case yesterday. Over 6,000 men are involved, working in sixty-six munitions plants there.

The decision comes from Otto M. Eidlitz, appointed by the board as an umpire in the case. When the President appointed the board he provided that should it be unable to reach a unanimous verdict in any case the matter should be referred to an umpire. This is the first case in the history of the board that it has been necessary to call in an umpire.

Labor, in submitting the case to the board's decision, had agreed to await its action, but the length of time involved in the board's inability to agree, and the further consideration by the umpire, brought a serious crisis last week, and the entire 6,000 employees threatened an immediate walk-out. Joint Chairman Frank P. Walsh hurried to Bridgeport and was able to hold the men at their work. Affiliated crafts in Newark, N. J., voted against a strike at the same time.

The decision grants wage increases to all workers receiving under 78 cents an hour and establishes a minimum wage of 42 cents an hour for all male workers 21 years of age or over, and of 35 cents an hour for all women workers 18 years of age and over. But it orders that women doing like work with men shall receive equal pay. It protects the rights of the employees to join unions, and orders collective bargaining. The eight-hour day is made applicable to all plants.

The issue over which the fight was most bitter was that of classification of employees. The men demanded that they be classified as toolmakers, machinists, specialists and machinists' helpers. The employers contended that there was such a specialized number of workers with so diversified work that so general a classification with a fixed flat rate of pay was impossible. The umpire refused at the present time to change the classification, because of the consequent disorganization of the industry.

He provided, however, for committees to be chosen by the workers

which should adjust differences with the employers and for the establishment of a local board, three members of which will be chosen by the Bridgeport employers, three by the Bridgeport workers, and a chairman to be named by the Secretary of War, which shall adjust all future differences which cannot be handled by the shop committees of the workers with the employers.

Among the plants involved are the Remington Arms, U. M. C. plant, Liberty Ordnance Co., and the American and British Manufacturing Co.

## PURELY PERSONAL.

Francis R. Hughes is spending the week in New York and Atlantic City. Henry Zundell has left the city for Camp Lee, Va.

Serg. George Allen has been visiting friends in the city.

Miss Catherine Buckley is spending the week in Atlantic City.

Miss Ida Aldridge has returned from a vacation at Blue Ridge Summit, Va.

Capt. and Mrs. J. L. Motley, of Chevy Chase, are spending a month in the Adirondacks.

Edward Kohner has joined Mrs. Kohner and their daughters at Bedford Springs, Pa.

Mrs. Goldsmith Sigmond and son, Billy, have returned from a three-weeks' stay at Ocean City, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Wagner, of Chevy Chase, have gone to Ashton, Va., for several weeks.

Mrs. Frank Gibb is spending the summer in Atlantic City.

Leonard W. White, of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, has resigned.

Francis M. Leach has received an appointment as stenographer in the War Department.

Louis T. Polk, of the Interior Department, has been transferred to the Bureau of War Risk Insurance.

George R. Robey of Covington, Ky., is visiting friends on F street in Georgetown.

Philip A. Stearns, of the General Land Office, has resigned.

Claude N. Wyman, of the navy yard, is on sick leave.

Maj. L. C. Montague, a mining man from Northern California, is registered at a downtown hotel.

Mrs. James D. Sargeant left last night for a week-end visit to Atlantic City.

Miss Evelyn P. Moorhouse is spending her vacation at Harper's Ferry.

Joseph C. Montgomery, of Los Angeles, is here on a short business trip.

Charles G. Claypool, of the General Land Office, has been promoted.

Miss Alice L. McQueen has received a promotion in the Bureau of Standards.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Herzog and son, Robert, have returned to their apartment in the Stafford after a stay at Ocean View, Va.

## PLANES GOING OVER NOW IN FAIR NUMBERS

Ryan Says Motor Production Limits Supply for All Armies.

"I'm trying to establish a reputation as a practical man," said John D. Ryan, newly named assistant to the Secretary of War, in charge of the air service, in only apparent facetiousness, for he added, "and I will not be made a prophet."

Mr. Ryan issued a statement yesterday, in part as follows:

"We are fully up to the expectations on motor production that we had in May, and motor production is the limiting factor in building airplanes."

"Planes are going across in fair quantities now, not in many types, but we are supplying engines for planes that are built in both England and France, and in that way are obtaining just that many planes for our own armies, and in considerable number."

"We have increased the orders for Liberty motors from 2,500, when this bureau was formed, to approximately 30,000—that is the Liberty 12. We have ordered a large number of Liberty 8's, which were developed and set aside temporarily for the 12's when the larger and more powerful engine was decided on."

"We are not meeting the need on the front, because the need on the front not only has never been met so far as the American army is concerned, but has never been met so far as any army is concerned. There has never been, on either side of the war, a sufficient number of engines. They are the limiting factor in any air program."

"In the building of planes in the last few months we think satisfactory progress has been made. We were unfortunate in having to abandon the production of the Bristol fighter, which was proven, after thorough tests, to be not a safe plane and not useful for military purposes. And we are not going to make that or any other plane that is not safe or of military value."

H. D. LOMBARDI SUES WIFE.

Harry Lombardi Lombardi brought suit in the equity courts yesterday for an absolute divorce from Amelia Hilda Lombardi, accusing her of misconduct and naming a correspondent.

The pair were married in Baltimore May 16, 1915.

## KITTY MITCHELL, KEEN RED CROSS WORKER

Gaiety Star Invites Women of Washington to Matinee.

Kitty Mitchell, of the Roseland Girls, now playing at the Gaiety, is an ardent war worker. While in her native State of California she headed the Los Angeles branch of the Red



KITTY MITCHELL.  
With Roseland Girls.

Cross, and was the inspiration of the excellent work done by that organization.

The actress has applied for permission to go to France to aid in the war work there. She entered burlesque about five years ago, after a successful career on the vaudeville stage and in musical comedy.

This week she invites the women of Washington to attend her performance at the Gaiety as her guests. The invitation will be made for the Saturday matinee, and it is expected that it will be accepted by a large part of feminine Washington.

Last Saturday Henry Jarboe, of the Gaiety, invited the women of the city to the matinee performance, and several hundred of them accepted the invitation.

Miss Mitchell plays opposite Solly Ward, the clever comedian.

## Day Coach Conversion New Troop Train Plan

Plans to convert a day coach into a sleeper to aid in relieving congestion of transporting troops across the continent have been completed by John W. Covington, of Salt Lake City. A trial trip of a day coach so equipped and loaded with soldiers bound for Camp Meade is now

being made, by direction of Director General McAdoo.

The changes include the erection of a temporary framework on each side of the coach, which can be put up or taken down as desired. The upper berth is stationary, with sides provided for the lower berth which can be removed during the day.

## TAILOR SHOP SET UP FOR U. S. PRISONERS

Established in Berne to Replace Confiscated Uniforms.

A tailor shop to supply captured American army and navy officers with proper uniforms has been established by the American Red Cross in Berne, Switzerland.

According to information from the Bureau of Prisoners' Relief of the American Red Cross, the German take the overcoat, blouse and trousers of their captives. Their leather shoes in many cases are immediately confiscated and replaced by wooden shoes.

The recently established tailor shop in Berne was moved bodily from Paris, when the American Red Cross learned that forty American officers who are captives in Germany were in need of clothing. About twenty suits per week are made by this shop and they are forwarded to the returned prisoners, who sign a receipt card in acknowledgment.

'tough' the 1st Cross these men are also supplied with underclothing, shoes, toilet articles, towels and food, to the maintenance of a soldier's appearance has been found important in sustaining the spirit of the captured men.

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## ASKS FOR LESS RENT.

Thomas Widomlansky, a native of Russia, who conducts a grocery store at 34 H street southwest, yesterday petitioned the equity courts to change his name to Thomas Widom.

His petition recites that he was admitted to citizenship February 2, 1914, and that he adopted the name of Widom as a measure of convenience, his real name being too unwieldy for comfort. He is 37 years of age and married.

## NAVY HOUSING BEING BLOCKED BY SINGLE MAN

Building in Southeast Washington Held Up by Land Proprietor.

The housing development plans for navy yard workers in southeast Washington are being blocked by one man, according to testimony given before the House committee on public buildings and grounds yesterday.

Herbert E. Shannon who is in charge of the housing project stated that this one man owned a plot of land in the center of the site of the proposed development which is assessed at \$4,500. The ground is being held by the tenant for \$16,000.

The committee was asked to amend the present housing bill so as to give the housing corporation the right to seize the necessary ground. It was pointed out that the Shipping Board had this right. The navy yard is losing many valuable employees because they are having their rent raised and the Navy Department is unable to protect them. Many of these men are going to work for the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

Members of the committee have promised to do everything in their power to have the law amended and it is expected that action soon will be taken.

## REPORTED MISSING FIRST; NOW PRESENT

Private Wm. T. Hayes, of District, Gets Back to Duty.

Private William T. Hayes, of 111 Tenth street southeast, previously reported missing, was reported present for duty by the War Department yesterday. Hayes was born in Washington on September 3, 1886. After his graduation from the public schools he worked in the Washington Navy Yard until about two years ago, when he went to Easton, Pa., as an electric welder. He enlisted with Pennsylvania troops on April 2 and within six weeks had landed safely in France.

Hayes' grandfather, John T. Ryan, served with the Union army during the civil war. Two uncles are now in the American army, and his sister, Miss Bertha Hayes, is a yeoman in the navy.

A Big Lot of Women's Hosiery, 59c.  
Qualities Ordinarily Retailing at 75c.  
All perfect. Splendid wearing qualities, in black, white and colors. Full fashioned and seamless. Of fine hosiery thread and silk knit. 'Twill' pay to buy three or four pair at this price.  
Palais Royal—Street Floor.

10c "Rit" Dye-as-You-Launder Soap,  
3 for 25c.  
No boiling, fast color; washes and dyes instantly in one operation. In salmon, pink, lavender, rose, golden, yellow, tan, light blue, light green and dark blue.  
Palais Royal—Street Floor.

THE SHOPPING CENTER  
**The PALAIS ROYAL**  
ESTAB. 1877  
DESTRUCTIBLE QUALITIES—CORRECT STYLES—A. LISNER

Celebrated C-B Front and Back-Lace  
Corsets at \$2.29.  
Qualities Ordinarily \$3—All New!  
Up-to-date models made of excellent quality batiste, coutil and fancy brocade. Low and medium bust and long hip models. Exceptionally good values.  
Palais Royal—Third Floor.

Women's \$1 Quality Silk Hosiery,  
Today, 85c.  
Full Fashioned Silk Boot Hose, in black, brown, cordon, gold, blue, khaki and gray. All perfect qualities that sell ordinarily at \$1 pair. Very special today 85c pair.  
Palais Royal—Street Floor.

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Once Each Month We Hold This Sale. Our Entire Bargain Basement Stocks of Dependable Quality Merchandise Are Involved. The Chief Purpose of This Event Is to Bring to the Attention of Shoppers THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PALAIS ROYAL BARGAIN BASEMENT AS A PLACE TO PRACTICE THRIFT AND SAVE MONEY.

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**1,800 Yds. Corded Madras, 23c Yd.**  
Attractive Stripe and Fancy Effects. Regular 39c Grade.  
36 Inches Wide

Were it not that this material was purchased some time ago we would be forced to ask a much higher price. Extra fine quality corded madras, in stripes and neat small designs; 36 inches wide. Regular 39c grade. Month-End Sale price, 23c yard.

**2,500 Yds. 36-in. Percalae, 26c Yd.**  
35c Quality. In a Variety of Stripes and Plaids

Another extraordinary special for our Month-End Sale. Wise mothers will buy many yards of this for house dresses, men's shirts and for children's garments. 36 inches wide and in a big variety of stripes and plaids, in a wonderful assortment of color combinations. 35c quality. Month-End Sale price, 26c yard.

**Extra Fine Comforts, \$4.69**  
Do Not Delay—Supply Your Needs Today

Extra fine quality Bed Comforts covered on both sides with an exceptionally good grade silkoline. In a variety of light, medium or dark colors; filled with pure white cotton. Regular at \$5.19; 72x78-inch size. Month-End Sale price, \$4.69.

**Women's Fiber Hose, 35c**  
Slightly Imperfect Qualities of 69c Grades

Large assortment of Silk Fiber Hose, with hosiery garter hem and high spliced heel. Colors are gray, blue, purple, brown and champagne. Sizes 8 1/4 to 10. Slightly imperfect. Limit, 3 pairs to a customer. 69c value. Month-End Sale price, 35c pair.

**Thread Silk Hose, 50c Pr.**  
\$1 Values—Limit 2 Pairs to a Customer

Extra special values in Women's Thread Silk Hose, with hosiery garter hem and high spliced heel. Shown in black, brown and navy blue. These are mill mends of \$1 grade. Limit, 2 pairs to a customer. Month-End Sale price, 50c pair.

**Fine Ribbed Union Suits, 39c**  
Extraordinary Special for the Month-End Sale

Excellent collection of Fine Ribbed Union Suits for Women, in low neck, sleeveless styles with loose knees. Sizes 36 and 38. Slightly imperfect qualities of 59c grade. Month-End Sale price, 39c.

**Women's Union Suits, 29c**  
Another special lot of Women's Union Suits, neatly trimmed with lace; made of low neck, loose knees and sleeveless. In sizes 36 to 38. Slightly imperfect; 49c value. Limit, 2 to a customer. Month-End Sale price, 29c.

**Don't Fail to Visit the Bargain Basement Today**  
Remember: No Lower Prices Anywhere at Any Time on the Same Goods

**Smart House  
Dresses at  
\$1.75**  
Usually \$1.98 and Even More

A good assortment of practical gingham and percale house dresses; striped and figured effects, in light and dark colors. Some are finished with white collar, cuffs and two pockets. Sizes in the lot up to 44. Month-End Sale price, \$1.75.  
Bargain Basement.

**79c Bleached Sheet, To-day, 59c Yard.**  
Bleached Sheet, 72 inches wide, splendid quality and our regular 79c grade. Month-End Sale price, 59c yard.

**39c Bleached Muslin, Special, 33c Yard.**  
Extra heavy quality linen finished Bleached Muslin. Regular 89c grade. Month-End Sale price, 33c yard.

**\$1.69 Table Cloths, Sale Price, \$1.49.**  
56x63 inches: in pretty patterns, neatly hemmed, look well and will give excellent service. \$1.69 value. Month-End Sale price, \$1.49.

**C-B and P. N. Corsets, Special Values, \$1.35.**  
Corsets in models to fit all types of figures. Made of coutil and batiste, with low and medium bust and long hip; all double boned throughout with rust-proof boning. In white and black. Sizes 19 to 35.

**Women's \$1 Knit Bloomers at 69c.**  
Pleated Colored Knit Bloomers in sizes 4, 6, 8 and 10. Slightly imperfect qualities of \$1 grade. Special at 69c each.

**Trimmed Velvet Hats at \$2.49**  
A Prominent Maker's Sample Line.

A surprising collection of large and medium shapes, in black and a variety of colored shades. All are smartly-trimmed. A variety of clever styles worth up to \$4. Special price for the Month-End Sale at \$2.49.

**150 Untrimmed Velvet Hats at \$1.25**  
Values in the lot up to \$2.60. Made of good quality velvet and shown in smart one-of-a-kind shapes. A wonderful variety to choose from. Special at \$1.25.

Features Extraordinary! Three Wonderful Lots of  
**New Silk Dresses**  
All New, Beautiful Fall Styles—Splendid Qualities! Unusual Values—Offered at

**\$9.50, \$15, \$17.98**

Materials include Satin Messalines in Combination with Georgette Crepe, Silk Poplins, All-silk Taffetas, Etc. Every one a new and charming model.

At \$15—Values to \$22.50 in this lot. An excellent variety of styles in beautiful new dresses that ordinarily would retail for much above this figure. They are made of satin and messalines in combination with Georgette crepe—the latter forming the sleeves and attractive collars. Colors include Burgundy, Taupe, Black, Navy, Etc.

At \$9.50—This collection of dresses includes some that ordinarily sell up to \$15. They are all new and smartly developed styles of satin messaline, with Georgette sleeves. Some have white satin collars. Others are made of silk poplin, all-silk taffeta, etc. Colors include Burgundy, Gray, Tan, Black, Navy and Alice Blue.

**\$25 Dresses at \$17.98—of Satins, Taffetas and Combinations of Georgette Crepe.**  
Beautiful new styles, plain tailored and others richly trimmed with embroidery and beading, also a number of fringe-trimmed styles, with tunic or overdrape skirts. All new autumn shades.

**An Extraordinary Feature for the Month-End Sale.**  
**New Fall Blouses, \$2.85**

A wonderful collection of smart new Blouses of striped messaline. Shown in handsome Oriental stripes on navy and black messalines. All are the newest style models, and they are shown in such a varied assortment that one can easily find a model to please. At this low price they are extra special and they will be sold quickly.

**Attractive Lot of Standard \$1 Quality Smart Voile Blouses, 79c.**  
A large variety of Voile Blouses in all white or white with stripes and novelty effects. All have large collars; many are lace-trimmed. Regular \$1.00 value. Month-End Sale price, 79c.

**\$2.50 Corsets, \$1.65**  
This Extra Special Price for the Month-End Sale Only

High-grade Corsets, made of splendid quality coutil and batiste, in white and pink. In low and medium bust styles with long hip; all double boned throughout with rust-proof boning; have elastic top. Sizes 19 to 36. Special, \$1.65.  
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**\$1.49 Dozen Cotton Napkins, \$1.19 Dozen.**  
Splendid quality Cotton Napkins, 17x17 inches; with neat red striped border. Excellent napkins for lunch rooms and boarding houses. Month-End Sale price, \$1.19 dozen.

**\$2 Dozen Table Napkins, \$1.79 Dozen.**  
Excellent grade Mercerized Table Napkins, 18x18-inch size; neatly hemmed and in several pretty patterns. Month-End Sale price, \$1.79 dozen.

**\$1.49 Mercerized Table Covers at \$1.19.**  
Highly Mercerized Table Covers, 66x72 inches; all-over bow-knot design, with neat border. Regular \$1.49 value. Month-End Sale price, \$1.19.

**79c Unbleached Sheet, 49c Yard.**  
81 inches wide, extra good weight and splendid wearing qualities. Laundered excellently. Month-End Sale price, 49c yard.

**Turkish Wash Cloths, 12 1/2c Value, at 6c Each.**  
Extra heavy, all white and white with pink stripe Turkish Wash Cloths. Our regular 12 1/2c value. Month-End Sale price, 6c each.

**Women's Ribbed Vests, 12 1/2c**  
Slightly Imperfect Vests of 25c Grades

An exceptional lot of Women's Coarse Ribbed Vests in sizes 32 and 34 only. Slightly imperfect qualities that would sell for 25c if perfect. Limit, 4 vests to a customer. Month-End Sale price, 12 1/2c.

**\$2.15 Bed Sheets at \$1.79**  
Remarkable Offerings of 50 Dozen—Size 90x90

As the result of a fortunate purchase we are offering Extra Fine Quality Bed Sheets that ordinarily sell at \$2.15 each in the Month-End Sale at \$1.79. These sheets are in large sizes, 90x90, and are exceptional values at the price. Remember, this price for Today Only.

**72x72 Bed Comforts, \$2.49**  
Not More Than 2 to a Customer

The extraordinary values force us to limit the quantity to each purchaser. Extra quality, full-size Bed Comforts covered with floral designs, in silkline with plain colored lining, filled with pure white cotton. Month-End Sale price, \$2.49.

**100 Dozen Huck Towels, 15c Each**  
In